



Washington State Part C System Improvement Project

April 2011 Update

Pilots Launch, Policies and Procedures Work Begins

In April, work with the two pilot sites [the Yakima and Island County local lead agencies (LLAs)] got off to a strong start. Both sites participated in two webinars providing an introduction to the pilot evaluation work. Greg Abell with the Sound Options Group provided a day-long training to each of the pilot sites on effective teaming, Information obtained from the pilot sites on how readily they are able to implement the new Individualized Family Service Plan – Process Document (IFSP-PD), the new Procedural Safeguards materials and utilize the three new online training modules will be critical as ESIT moves all of these materials out to the field. Review of module 2 of the online training materials was completed in April and has moved into production and will be released to pilot sites and beta testers in June.

Work also continued on the *Washington Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Individualized Family Service Plan Process and Resource Guide* (2011). This material is being integrated both into the pilot work as well as the ongoing development of the new Data Management System (DMS). Stakeholders are encouraged to visit the DMS project website and give feedback on the mock-ups of the new system as it is in development. www.del.wa.gov/development/esit/data.aspx

ESIT would like to express its appreciation to the many school districts and providers who made time in April to respond to its cost study data request. Additionally, cost study contractors have initiated site visits with a broad sampling of early intervention programs across the state to better inform fiscal policy and procedure development. In response to stakeholder requests, the System Improvement Project (SIP) is specifically pursuing new materials around financial hardship, family financial participation and payer of last resort policy and procedures.

The Washington training and technical assistance cadre (WATTAC) continued working with our SIP partners on planning for the August 16 and 17 end of the ARRA meeting. Save the date as this will be an exciting opportunity to come together as a community. Additionally, WATTAC has taken on consideration of early intervention competencies to inform both training and practice.

Additionally, ESIT and the SIP are revisiting the program's policies and procedures to ensure they are clear and comply with all federal requirements. This work will be posted for public comment in the Fall.